Remarks

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 have been cancelled. Claims 17, 22 and 40 have been amended.

II. Conclusions

If any fee is due in connection with the filing of the present correspondence not already accounted for, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 19-3880 in the name of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

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